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What the Reds Ask Here.

Those who call themselves the Workers of America offered the wage earners of this country day before yesterday a Christmas gift of affiliation with the Red Labor International.

It will be the task of that Government [the Red dictatorship] to take from the capitalists the control and ownership of the raw materials and machinery of production—and to establish collective ownership.

So what these Reds are asking is that the owners of the 7,000,000 American farms consent to have taken away from their land, of the value of fifty-five billions of dollars, their buildings, value twelve billions of dollars; their live stock, value eight billions of dollars.

These Reds are asking that the holders of \$4,000,000 life insurance policies consent to have the security behind their forty-two billions of dollars of policies taken away from them and dumped into the Reds' collective ownership pool.

These Reds are asking that the American owners of 27,000,000 savings accounts, with seventeen billions of dollars of deposits, consent to have their savings taken away from them and dumped into the Reds' collective ownership pool.

These Reds are asking that the American holders of billions of dollars of small Liberty loan bonds, of war savings stamps and of other securities consent to have these savings taken away from them and dumped into the Reds' collective ownership pool.

These Reds are asking that the American owners of millions of their own homes in the industrial communities of the country consent to have their houses taken away from them and dumped into the Reds' collective ownership pool.

These Reds are asking the American farmers and the American wage earners to do all that, because, after the American farmer, it is the American wage earner that owns his own home in the vast majority of towns, villages and rural communities of this country.

The rank and file of the American people, the American farmers and the American wage earners who have saved and who own enough to buy and sell, a hundred times over, every acre of ground in the world controlled by Red Sovietism, and all that there is on top of that ground—these plain American people will have so nothing to say about seizure of what belongs to them and to nobody else by the American Reds or any other Reds.

Edgar A. Poe Square Again.

Boston has restored the name of Edgar A. Poe Square to the street intersection where for more than twenty years was found the Hub's sole public recognition of the fact that the author of "The Raven" was a Bostonian by birth.

The obliteration of the name of the poet and the substitution therefor of the name of a soldier of the world war were the acts of the city administration which preceded the one now in power. Why the change was made has not been explained.

The intersection of Broadway and Carver street does not carry any special military distinction. For naming it Edgar A. Poe Square there was an excellent reason. The house in which the poet was born is supposed to have been in that vicinity.

At the time the change was brought to public attention there was a good deal of discussion about it. The Authors Club took the matter up. There was wondering comment about it in many newspapers of the country.

It was even suggested that the latent actuating motive was a certain uncomplimentary reference the poet once made to the place of his birth. But this was absurd on its face.

The Boston authorities nodded, that's all. Anyway, the error has been corrected. The intersection of Broadway and Carver street is Edgar A. Poe Square once more. The name Matthew F. Ryan has been bestowed upon the intersection of Stuart and Warren streets. And thus is satisfactorily ended that particular teapot tempest.

Mme. Bernhardt's Rest.

In her eagerness to live in harness SARAH BERNHARDT fears even the brief repose that Moliere knew after he had concealed with a forced laugh the havoc of the cough that racked the last of life out of his ailing body.

Even the end of living took place too far from the footlights to satisfy the energy of the woman who has invited death to come to her only on the stage. The distinguished English actor had time to lay aside the vestments of the recalcitrant Becket and, following the experience of Moliere, to retire to his hotel at Bradford before the last call came.

The annals of the Metropolitan Opera House contain one tragedy that met the wishes of the artist who would die on his own field of battle. The basso CARMELI, compatriot of Mme. BERNHARDT, drew his last breath in the wings of the theater after he had sung through part of the opera of "Martha."

Mme. BERNHARDT has never given fate a chance to overtake her in any hour of leisure. Her great Italian rival, ELIZABETH DUSE, returned to the stage after more than ten years of repose. PADEREWSKI listened only to the call of his country for five years, then to return brilliantly to the duties of his art.

What the Unstable Mark Means.

It may seem strange to the American public to read the cable dispatches telling of the terrific jump of the German mark as it is described. When the mark is on a basis of microscopic value a rise or a fall not of a fraction of a cent but of a fraction of a hundredth part of a cent does not look sensational to those who are not close followers of exchange fluctuations.

After all, the fall of the mark from a normal of about 24 cents to 22 cents, say, while a loss of a full 2 cents, would be a fall of less than 9 per cent. That would be disturbing; it could be dangerous, but it need not be utterly ruinous.

Anybody can understand what would befall an American selling \$1,000,000 worth of goods payable in thirty days in American dollars and then, because of the value of the dollar being cut in half before the thirty days were up, getting only \$500,000 for his goods that had cost him to make perhaps \$900,000.

In the same way anybody can comprehend what would happen to an Englishman buying 100,000 pounds sterling of goods, expecting to pay \$500,000 for them, in thirty days and then being called upon at the end of that period to pay for those goods 200,000 pounds sterling, or about \$1,000,000, because meanwhile the pound sterling has doubled in value.

More drastic changes than have happened in the value of the German mark within the year. It fell from a value of six-tenths of a cent in January to a little more than a hundredth of a cent in November. That is as if the American dollar, worth 100 cents in January,

had become in November worth little better than a nickel.

In the early part of the week before last the mark, of that normal value of about 24 cents, expressed in American money was worth \$0.125. Before the end of the week it ran up to \$0.185. Expressed in American money the rise was only \$0.06. That looks like only a trace of real money.

Imagine the American people trying to do business with one another in such a situation as that.

Another of the Big Four Goes.

Another of the Republican wheel-horses in this State has died in harness. FRED GREINER of Buffalo had been the local boss of his party for half a century. When he gained the upper hand in the Republican politics in Erie county he joined a group of up-State leaders which included GEORGE W. ALDRIDGE of Rochester, WILLIAM BARNES, Jr., of Albany, FRANCIS HENDRICKS of Syracuse, GEORGE W. DUNN of Binghamton, J. SLOAT FASSETT of Elmira, WILLIAM L. WARD of Westchester, and, of course, BENJAMIN B. OUELLE of Newburgh.

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The work of PASTEUR wrought practical benefits from the beginning.

His study of fermentation was of great value to the makers of beer and wine. His study of the devastating silkworm disease brought back to prosperity a trade threatened with ruin.

It was when he carried his principles so far as to perceive that microbes might be isolated and then weakened by artificial culture that he hit upon the possibility of using the weakened organisms to inoculate against the stronger natural germs.

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Why Chicago Sends Bags of Gold to a Farming Community.

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THE WEATHER.

For Eastern New York—Cloudy followed by rain this afternoon or night and to-morrow. Winds becoming north-east and east, and increasing.

For New Jersey—Cloudy followed by rain this afternoon or night and to-morrow. Winds becoming north-east and east, and increasing.

For Northern New England—Cloudy and colder, followed by snow this afternoon or night and to-morrow. Winds becoming north-east and east, and increasing.

For Southern New England—Cloudy and slightly colder followed by rain or snow this afternoon or night and to-morrow. Winds becoming north-east and east.

For Western New York—Snow or cold and to-day; to-morrow unsettled with rain or snow. Winds becoming north-east and east.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 26.—The disturbance that was central over Lake Superior last night has moved eastward to the Gulf of St. Lawrence, where it was central over the lower St. Lawrence river within the last twenty-four hours in the Mississippi Valley, portions of the west Gulf States, the north Pacific States and the northern plateau and northern Rocky Mountain regions. Elsewhere generally fair weather has prevailed.

The Southwestern disturbance will move rather slowly east northeastward, followed by general precipitation over the States east of the Mississippi River to-morrow, probably continuing Thursday in the Atlantic States, the lower lake region and the upper Ohio Valley. The temperature will be lower in New England, northern New York, the lower lake region, the Ohio Valley, Tennessee and Mississippi to-morrow and Thursday.

Observations at United States Weather Bureau stations, taken at 8 P. M. yesterday, twenty-fifth meridian time. Rainfall last 24 hrs. Bar. last 24 hrs.

Stations. High-Low. Bar. High-Low. Wind-Direction. Albany, N. Y. 44 38 30.00 30.00 S. Albany, N. Y. 44 38 30.00 30.00 S. Albany, N. Y. 44 38 30.00 30.00 S.

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EVENTS TO-DAY. New York Academy of Medicine. Pasture Conference, public building, 10 A. M. to 10 P. M. to January 11, 17 West Forty-third street.

National Association of Teachers of Speech and Eastern Public Speaking Conference, joint meeting, to December 29, New York University, 100 M. P. M.

Bishop Manning will speak at the Cathedral of St. John the Divine at a service commencing at 8 P. M. to-morrow. The laying of the corner stone at which the statue of Joan of Arc will be dedicated, 10:30 A. M.

Music Teachers National Association, Hotel Pennsylvania, 10 A. M. and 2 P. M. Society of Authors, 10 A. M. to 10 P. M. in Colleges, Columbia University, all day.

American Football Coaches Association, meeting, Hotel Astor, 10 A. M. to 10 P. M. Davenport Alumni Association, luncheon, Hotel Pennsylvania, 1 P. M.; athletic council, 2 P. M.

New York Naval Club, luncheon, Hotel McAlpin, 12:30 P. M. Christmas tree, 2:30 P. M. Association for Research in Nervous and Mental Diseases, luncheon, Hotel Commodore, 9 A. M. to 5 P. M.

New York Tuberculosis Association, Children's party, 234 Fifth Avenue, 2 P. M. Association for Improving the Condition of the Poor, party for Grey Mound Girls East Side Settlement, 3 P. M.

Woodward-Woodward Foundation, luncheon, Hotel Biltmore, 1 P. M. Bronx Board of Trade, Christmas meeting, The Savoy Hotel, 10 A. M. to 10 P. M. Board of Education, meeting, Park Avenue and Fifty-ninth street, 4 P. M.

Brooklyn Institute of Arts and Sciences, dramatic reading of Edward Shirlton's "Rosamond," 8 P. M. Catholic Writers Guild, Christmas party, Catholic Club, 120 Central Avenue, 8:30 P. M.

Jersey City's Budget INCREASES \$1,784,470

Commission Holds Growth of Town Justifies Raise.

The Jersey City budget for the fiscal year 1923 was adopted yesterday by the Jersey City Council. It calls for an expenditure of \$1,783,988.59, an increase of \$1,784,470.58 over last year. The increase is justified, the commission held, by the rapid growth of the city. The annual rate of regular tax for the coming year is \$36 a \$1,000. The County Board of Taxation will meet to fix the rate early in January.

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